



Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA
March 3, 2004 - 6:00 p.m.
UC332-333

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 18, 2004, with amendment to President's Report item; February 21, 2004
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Board of Regents Meeting - 3/24-26
 - b. Spring Break
 - c. Athletic Department
 - d. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. KBGA
 - c. Ad hoc Committee - Voluntary Fee Policies
 - d. Montana Youth Votes Coalition
 - e. Unexcused Absences
 - f. Final Budgeting Plans - Carol
 - g. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Special Allocation - approx. \$10,327.64
Travel Special Allocation - approx. \$ 1,156.15
STIP - approx. \$98,321.77
Zero-Base Carryover - approx. \$76,688

 - a. Northern Rockies Model Arab League Special Allocation - \$100/\$0
 - b. Lambda Alliance Travel Allocation (Emergency) - \$3,626/\$760
 - c. La Gente Unida Special Allocation - \$2,000/\$1,500
 - d. UM Fencing Club STIP Request (Safety Equip.) - \$4,000/\$4,000
 - e. ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee Zero-Base - \$185/\$180
 - f. COT Student Assistant STIP Request (Chair) - \$139.84/\$139.84
 - g. COT Student Assistant - STIP Request (Computer) - \$500/\$500.00
 - h. SB47-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Section 17.0
 - i. SB48-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0
 - j. SB49-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 10.5
 - k. SB50-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 20.0
 - l. SB51-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0
 - m. Budgeting - Lottery

- n Budgeting 101 - General Overview and Process
- o. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to <http://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm>

- a. SB44-03/04 Resolution to Formally Withdraw Support from Montana Associated Students (MAS)
- b. SB46-03/04 Resolution to Send +/- Grading to Student Initiative
- c. SB52-03/04 Resolution to amend ASUM Personnel Policy
- d. SB53-03/04 Resolution to Establish College of Technology (COT) Student Assistant Position

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE March 3, 2004

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Comments

SOPHIA RENA ALVAREZ
 ANDREW BISSELL
 BRAD CEDERBERG
 SAMUEL CHARTIER
 TRAVIS COSSITT
 KYLE ENGELSON
 ANNA GREEN
 SHAWNA HAGEN
 CHRIS HEALOW
 ANDREA HELLING
 WILL HOLMES
 EMILY JONES
 KIMBERLY PAPPAS
 VINCENT PAVLISH
 SAGE RAFFERTY
 EBEN RECKORD
 PATRICK VAN ORDEN
 ROB WELSH
 CHRISTIAN WINKLE
 NATHAN ZIEGLER

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ASUM OFFICERS

AARON FLINT
 President
 GALE PRICE
 Vice-President
 AVERIEL WOLFF
 Business Manager

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FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR ANDERSON
 PROFESSOR AUSLAND

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
March 3, 2004
UC332-333 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m. Present: Flint, Price, Wolff (6:15), Alvarez, Bissell, Cederberg, Chartier, Cossitt, Engelson, Green, Hagen, Helling, Holmes, Jones, Pappas (6:19), Pavlish, Rafferty, Reckord, Van Orden, Welsh, Winkle (6:59), and Ziegler. Excused was Healow.

The meeting minutes for February 18, 2004, were amended on a motion by **Jones-Engelson** to delete item c. under the President's Report, as Flint and Lamb were not able to meet. The minutes were then approved as amended. The meeting minutes for February 21, 2004, were approved as written.

Public Comment

*Raquel Castaneda of La Gente Unida encouraged Senators to support the group's special allocation request.

President's Report

- a. Senators were asked to notify Flint if they wanted to attend the MAS meeting March 24 and the Board of Regents meeting March 25-26 in Dillon.
- b. Three forums will be held in three locations over spring break: Browning, Glasgow and Roundup.
- c. Athletic Director Hogan resigned. A task force is being appointed to study the financial problems of the department.
- d. Senators were asked to be aware of office decorum.
- e. A seminar on parliamentary procedure will be held in GBB108 from 11-1 on Saturday, March 13. ASUM, faculty and staff senates are invited.
- f. Flint thanked Welsh for his article in the Montana Kaimin.

Vice President's Report

- a. Students are needed to serve on Elections Committee.
- b. Welsh will speak on KGBA tomorrow.
- c. A discussion of the Athletic Fee will be on KGBA Friday at 3:30 p.m.
- d. There will be a special meeting on Friday of the Strategic Budget and Planning Committee.
- e. An ad hoc committee will be formed on the voluntary fee policy and will meet Thursdays from 8-9:30 a.m.

The Chair recognized the presence of Pappas and Wolff.

- f. The Montana Youth Vote Coalition meets Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in UC223.
- g. Senators were asked to contact Price before Senate meetings for excused absences.
- h. Hayes asked Senators for information for final budgeting planning.
- i. Notes on the budgeting process were distributed to aid Senators in preparation for Saturday's final budgeting.

Business Manager's Report

Special Allocation - approx. \$10,808.51

Travel Special Allocation - approx. \$1,156.15

STIP - approx. \$98,321.77

Zero-Base Carryover - approx. \$77,000

a. NRMAL's Special Allocation request for \$1,000 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$0.

b. Lambda Alliance's Travel Special Allocation (emergency) request for \$3,626 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$760.

c. La Gente Unida's Special Allocation request for \$2,000 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$1,500.

d. UM Fencing Club's STIP request for \$4,000 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$4,000.

e. ASUM Relations and Affairs Committee's Zero Base request for \$185 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$180.

f. COT Student Assistant's STIP request for \$139.84 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$139.84.

g. COT Student Assistant's STIP request for \$500 passed for Budget and Finance's recommendation of \$500.

h. SB47-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Section 17.0 (Exhibit A) passed after a previous question call by Ziegler.

i. SB48-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0 (Exhibit B) passed after a previous question call by Cossitt.

j. SB49-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 10.5 (Exhibit C) passed.

k. SB50-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 20.0 (Exhibit D) passed as amended in committee after a previous question call by Cossitt.

l. SB51-03/04 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0 (Exhibit E) passed after a previous question call by Cossitt.

m. A lottery to determine the order in which the categories will be considered for the first round of final budgeting was held with the following results: 1) Student Services; 2) Student Support; 3) Academic/Honors; 4) Student Programs; 5) Music Union; 6) Sports Union; 7) ASUM Agencies; 8) Interest.

n. Final Budgeting will be held in the second floor study lounge starting at 8 a.m. this Saturday. Senators were asked to be prompt.

Committee Reports

a. ASUM Relations and Affairs (Helling) - SB46 and SB52 received "do pass" recommendations. Information on the athletic fee will be distributed.

b. IT (Rafferty) - The meeting will be Thursday at 4 p.m.

c. Board on Membership (Pappas) - No meeting.

d. COT (Shawna) - No meeting.

e. Off-campus Renter Center Board (Pappas) - Renters Rock Week will be held March 15-19 with rental advice information on March 18. Volunteers are needed to conduct a survey and will receive t-shirts.

f. Interview (Welsh) - No meeting.

g. SPA - No report.

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- h. Transportation (Flint) - U-Dash bus promotions were discussed, and talks are being held with distributors. Meetings will be held with DAAC.
- i. UC Board (Engelson) - The Board will meet next Wednesday at 5 p.m. in UC207. Organizational suites will be discussed.
- j. University Affairs (Holmes) - They discussed the Athletic Fee.
- k. Suggestion Box (Alvarez) - None.
- l. ASCRC (Welsh) - Discussion was on changing pass/no pass to credit/no credit.
- m. Publications Board (Wolff) - A meeting will be held Monday at 3 p.m.

Unfinished Business

To see a list of resolutions with the action taken on them noted and the resolutions currently being considered in their entirety, please go to:
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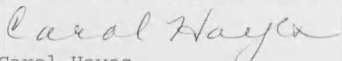
- a. SB44-03/04 Resolution to Formally Withdraw Support from Montana Associated Students (MAS) - in committee
- b. SB46-03/04 Resolution to Send +/- Grading to Student Initiative (Exhibit F) was amended in committee to add a paragraph before the final one to read: "Let It Be Further Resolved that if the President of The University of Montana announces a decision on the implementation of plus/minus grading before the spring elections, the issue will be withdrawn from the initiative process." A previous question call by **Engelson** failed. A friendly amendment by Welsh to change "Initiative" to "Poll" in the title was not accepted. After failed previous question calls by **Pavlish** (2) and **Welsh**, a previous question call by **Welsh** passed, and the resolution as amended failed 10Y, 11N on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).
- c. SB52-03/04 Resolution to amend ASUM Personnel Policy (Exhibit G) was amended on a motion by **Welsh-Engelson** to insert "non-voting" after "ex-officio" in item c) after a previous question call by **Van Orden**. A motion by **Welsh-Engelson** to adopt SB52 as amended passed after a previous question call by **Pavlish**.
- d. SB53-03/04 Resolution to Establish College of Technology (COT) Student Assistant Position was postponed for a week on a motion by **Welsh-Engelson**.

New Business

- a. Resolution on ASUM lottery
- b. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy (2)
- c. Resolution to amend Bylaws (3)
- d. Resolution to adopt a student bill of rights

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.


Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Section 17.0

Whereas, student groups should have the right to use their allotted funds in a manner appropriate to Fiscal Policy - which should include using funds to raise money for student group operations,

Whereas, this is necessary because resources of ASUM are not extensive enough to cover every student groups' desirable operating budgets,

Whereas, student groups should not be penalized for spending ASUM funds in order to raise outside funds to support their operations,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana amends Fiscal Policy Section 17.0 to read:

17.0 OTHER INCOME.

17.1 ~~Organizations using ASUM funds to generate other funds must fully reimburse their account in the same line item(s) from which the money originally came. Excess g~~Generated funds MUST be deposited with the ASUM. The organization may use its discretion as to how they would like this money budgeted, and these funds shall be allowed as carryover at the end of the fiscal year.

17.2 Any grant secured on behalf of any member organization must be reported to the Business Manager.

Authored By: Senator Robert J. Welsh

*Passed
3/3/04*

Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0

Whereas, Section 14, Item 5.2 of Fiscal Policy states, "A reserve of no less than 10% of each semester's total travel allocation shall be maintained for unforeseen or emergency travel occurring after travel lobbying for the current semester,"

Whereas, each semester, student groups are requesting more funds for the ability to travel,

Whereas, travel promotes interest in student groups, involvement of students in campus affairs, and name recognition of The University,

Whereas, the 10% reserve is rarely used, and if lowered, would free up more funds for student group travel,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) amends Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0, Item 5.2 to read:

14.5.2 A reserve of no less than 405% of each semester's total travel allocation shall be maintained for unforeseen or emergency travel occurring after travel lobbying for the current semester.

*Passed
3/3/04*

Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 10.5

Whereas, currently the Montana Kaimin and the ASUM Office of Transportation collect fees and the ASUM is not directly responsible for their funding,

Whereas, currently, the ASUM Childcare and the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center accounts roll-over from year to year,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) amends Fiscal Policy, Section 10, Item 5 to read as follows with the letter notations to be changed accordingly:

10.5 Any unexpended amounts remaining in the following accounts at fiscal year end shall be retained in their respective accounts:

A. ASUM Administration

~~C. Montana Kaimin~~

D. Legal Services

E. Sports Union

F. UM Productions

G. ASUM Office of Transportation

H. Music Union

I. ASUM Childcare

J. ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center

*Passed
3/3/04*

Exhibit D

Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 20.0 ²³⁰

Whereas, insurance is required that the 5% reserve in the Special Allocations - Travel account is adequate throughout any given semester,

Whereas, a proper insurance mechanism would be a contingency based fund allotment mechanism in the State Term Investments Pool (STIP) account (Item ^{20.0}~~23.0~~),

Zero-Based Carryover

Whereas, access to this reserve allotment should be a last resort and would require a 4/5 super majority of the members on the Board on Budget and Finance in order to approve,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) amends Fiscal Policy, Section ²⁰~~23~~ to add item ⁴~~9~~ which will read:

^{23.4}~~20.9~~ In case the 5% reserve in the Special Allocations - Travel account is not sufficient to cover an unforeseen or emergency travel request after scheduled lobbying, the Board on Budget and Finance may approve, with a 4/5 majority of members, an allocation up to but no more than 5% of total semester travel allocation. Approval of such action by the Senate requires a 2/3 majority.

withdrawn from
Zero-Based Carryover
Passed
3/13/04

SB51-03/04

Exhibit E

Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy, Section 14.0

Whereas, student groups are requesting more funds each semester for the ability to travel,

Whereas, travel promotes interest in student groups, involvement of students in campus affairs, and name recognition of The University,

Whereas, currently, any unused funds in the Special Allocation - Travel account at the end of a fiscal year are deposited into the Zero-Based Carryover account, preventing much needed funds from rolling over and aiding student groups,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) amends Fiscal Policy, Section 14, to add Item 8, to read:

14.8 At the end of each Fiscal Year, any funds leftover in the Special Allocations - Travel account shall roll over.

All Resolutions Authored By:

Senator Robert J. Welsh

Passed
3/13/04

Exhibit F

SB46-03/04

Resolution to Send +/- Grading to Student Initiative

Whereas, the members of the Associated Students of The University of Montana have not been given sufficient means to express their opinion on plus/minus grading,

Whereas, recent forums on plus/minus grading were not sufficiently advertised by the Associated Students of The University of Montana and attendance was low,

Whereas, no forum was held on either the East or West Campuses of the College of Technology,

Whereas, the students of The University of Montana should be given the opportunity to have their voices satisfactorily heard on the issue of plus/minus grading,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana will send the issue of plus/minus grading to student initiative during the Spring elections of 2004.

Let It Be Further Resolved to give each member of The Associated Students of The University of Montana a choice of "Approve" or "Disapprove" concerning a system of plus/minus grading on the ballot.

Authored By: Sage Rafferty, ASUM Senator

Failed
104 "N"
roll call vote

Let It Be Further Resolved that if the President of the University of Montana announces a decision on the implementation of plus/minus grading before the Spring elections, the issue will be withdrawn from the initiative process.


Resolution to Amend ASUM Personnel Policy

Whereas, the SPA Director is charged with the "proper representation of the students' interest" on political matters,

Whereas, environmental lobbying is tangential to this task,

Whereas, current personnel policy is unclear about advice given to Member Organizations by the SPA Director,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) amend Section 4.61 of the ASUM Personnel Policy to read:

"4.  Student Political Action Director. The SPA Director shall be hired by the ASUM Senate upon the recommendation of the ASUM President according to the ASUM Constitution, Bylaws, and Personnel Policy. The Director shall:

- a) be responsible for ~~grassroot activities, environmental issues and other issues~~ directly related to students' daily lives;
- b) report to the ASUM Senate on issues;
- c) be an ex-officio ^{non-voting} member of the Student Political Action Committee;
- d) be responsible for representing the ASUM at the Missoula City Council;
- e) oversee the actions of the ASUM lobbyist during the legislative session.

In addition, the Director may informally advise and assist Member Organizations on political issues."

Authored by: Senator Andrew Bissell, Matt Singer, SPA Director

Endorsed by: Senator Robert J. Welsh

Passed
3/3/04